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High Gasoline Taxes

On October 1st, millions of motorists began paying an extra penny tax on each gallon of gasoline. A one-cent tax on a gallon of gasoline may not sound like much, but it increased the level of taxes on gasoline to about forty-seven per cent on the national level.

The extra penny tax on gasoline was caused by inflation, which has caused the price of building our new federal highway system to increase appreciably since it was first authorized. This is just one of the many unpleasant results of continued inflation in this country, and is another example of the seriousness of the fight against inflation.

Obviously, when taxes reach approximately fifty per cent of the retail price of a product, it is time to think of halting the trend. It is estimated that two and one-quarter billion dollars will be paid to the federal government, in gasoline taxes, in 1960. This is about one-thirtieth of the entire federal budget. In addition, another three and one-fifth billions will be paid to state and local governments in gasoline taxes.

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The Early Christmas Season

The commercialization of the Christmas Season has reached an advanced stage in America, and there are many who feel that it has gone far enough. Yet, there is the matter of self-protection of business interests, requires that no growing town permit itself to be in the position of losing valuable trade because of forfeiting competition for the customers' dollar. We had occasion to visit several communities of approximately our size TWO WEEKS AGO, and their streets already were well decorated with Christmas Lights! We thought it was rather early. We always figured that December 1 was an adequate target date for Christmas shopping to begin. But, we live in a fast age, and there is no point in seeing home-earned dollars spent elsewhere because we were just not "on the ball."

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An Excellent Community Effort

We congratulate our people on the excellent response to the recent appeal of the Red Cross Blood Program to support a special Visitation last Friday. The number of donors was the best in quite some time, and the Blood Program for this county has apparently been saved. A lot of fine civic effort was back of this success, and we salute those who worked faithfully—and successfully—on the project.

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Poor Writing

There are many tips given to newspaper readers, in editorial columns, and we will proceede to offer one at this time. It may be worth twenty-nine cents, or it may be worth a good bit.

The advice we offer is for every high school or college student to learn to write well enough to express his views. Of course, individuals have a varying degree of ability in this line, but by application everyone who can pass high school or college standards can reach a certain degree of proficiency in writing.

Experts recently declared that students are not as skilled in writing today as they were a generation ago, and we think standards should increase, not be lowered. To be able to write a good letter, or a good summary, or statement, is highly important.

In fact, it is just as important to be able to write up to a certain standard as it is to be able to speak, or talk fluently and clearly. While we may be failing in the science field, in our educational system, we are also failing in this field, and to all youngsters (and adults who might influence them) we strongly suggest that they put some time and effort on learning to write.

We do not urge this because journalism is a lucrative profession. In fact, the reverse is true. We do not recommend attaining a certain level of ability in this field for its application in the profession of writing itself. There are many other more lucrative fields.

But being able to express oneself clearly is an advantage in almost any avenue of life. It can make the difference in getting jobs, in salary increases, and in achieving agreements, and in almost every other field.

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You can test your own intelligence by your reaction to a new idea.

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The first requirement of a law enforcement officer is that he always obeys the law.

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Good living includes a balanced life, devoted to work, culture, and recreation.

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Whenever an individual thinks he is above the law, it is time to set him straight.

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Education is an expensive process, but in the end it costs less than ignorance.

Washington Notes

Humphrey To Run

Supporters of Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.) say they will enter his name in the District of Columbia Presidential primary next May 3. Senator Humphrey, on a speaking tour of the Midwest, has said he will not decide until the first of the year whether to seek the Presidential nomination.

Chemical Arms

The Army is seeking the reversal of a policy recommended by the National Security Council that the United States should not use chemical, bacteriological, or radiological weapons in a war except in retaliation.

The Army has undertaken to have the council recommend such techniques can properly be incorporated into "weapons systems" and thus be made available for combat use.

Some Pentagon officials believe that the Army has a good chance to win approval for its proposal.

Pushes Resources Bill

Hearings are planned in early December on a bill providing for a concerted effort to conserve the nation's natural resources.

The hearings will be set by the bill's author, Senator James E. Murray, Democrat of Montana, and chairman of the Senate Interior Committee.

Food Contamination

The White House has stepped into the expanding problem of chemical pesticide residues in agricultural products.

High Administration officials have begun a close scrutiny of the problem, which has smoldered for years in Congress and among agriculture, public health and administrative officials. It was dramatically illustrated by the current cranberry crisis.

More On Foreign Aid

A $5,000,000,000 foreign-aid program has been drafted tentatively by the State Department for approval by the Budget Bureau.

The sum was expected to be trimmed — perhaps by $1,000,000,000 — during a review by the Budget Bureau in the next three weeks.

A final figure of about $4,000,000,000 covering military, economic and technical assistance for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1960, might be submitted to President Eisenhower just before he leaves on Dec. 3 on his overseas trip.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

...ded below is a list of tracts of land and town lots returned ...of the non-payment of taxes for the year 1957. This real ... be sold at Public Auction at the front door of the Court ...ppomattox, Virginia, beginning at 10:00 A. M. on Monday, ...4, 1959, unless the tax is paid before that date. Amounts ...le tax, penalty, interest and advertising cost.

CLOVER HILL DISTRICT — WHITE

...ie Mary	12	Acres	8.44
...s, Susie, c/o Mrs. Andrew Maddox	16½	"	3.32
...ah M.	118	"	56.29
...E. & Ada M.	130	"	28.05
...	6	"	2.95
...ne R., c/o Thos. C. Watson	7.53	"	1.37

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT — WHITE

...ie M., c/o Mrs. Mabel P. Bolling	92	Acres	24.61
...William Est.	5	"	1.43
...Walker & Elsie	5	"	21.46
...ie P. & Mattie B.	2	"	1.78
...	1	"	5.72
...	.38	"	2.18
...	28.20	"	8.07
...man	6	"	3.55

STONEWALL DISTRICT — WHITE

...Charles, c/o Mrs. Ida F. Marks Est.	2	Acres	.58
...H. Heirs, c/o Mrs. Ida F. Marks Est.	5	"	.72
...da F.	40	"	7.15
...as W.	24-¾	"	2.46
...Sarah	11-¼	"	3.20
... C. D.	25.33	"	35.83
... C. D.	2-½	"	17.88
...ewis D.	1	"	.14
...ewis D.	8	"	1.14
...T., c/o Chas. L. Reed, Admr.	46.84	"	20.26
...Chas. Taft	72-½	"	16.10
...A. Est., c/o C. T. Stephens	1-¼	"	3.58

TOWN OF PAMPLIN — WHITE

...H. Jr.	Lot		2.15
...H. Jr.	Lot & Factory		42.92
...Robert H.	L. & D.		12.87

TOWN OF APPOMATTOX — WHITE

...	L. & B.		42.92
...	L. & 2 D., etc.		24.32
...	Lots 1-13		5.72
...	Lots 99-102		2.29

CLOVER HILL DISTRICT — COLORED

...Nannie, c/o Richard Webb	10	Acres	10.58
...Charles	2-½	"	1.81
...A. B., c/o Chas. M. Hancock	1	"	6.44
...A. H.	26	"	4.47
...H. R., c/o Willie Watson	½	"	6.44
...Emma, c/o Ernest M. Abbitt	43-½	"	6.23
...H. R. H. & Chas. E., c/o Frances W.	10	"	3.43
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...A., c/o Mrs. V. J. Clark	5	"	4.29
...Lucy Elina, c/o Jack Jones	80	"	14.31
...Mrs. Willie, c/o H. A. Williams	¼	"	.71
...	1	"	.71
...Young, c/o Jack Jones	10	"	1.43
...Richard	6-⅞	"	1.37

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT — COLORED

...ge & Eloise	34	Acres	4.86
...ge & Eloise	29	"	7.01

STONEWALL DISTRICT — COLORED

...Thomas	36-½	"	16.69
...John H., c/o Moatier Beasley	158-2/3	"	34.14
...John H., c/o Moatier Beasley	81	"	11.59
...John H. & Geo. H.	35	"	5.00
...Thomas	158	"	56.94
...Elizabeth, c/o Virginia Dicks	4-¾	"	2.11
...Scott, c/o John Hancock	1-¾	"	.40
...Edward A. Est., c/o James Tinsley	33-½	"	4.81
...Frank L.	79-½	"	13.65
...Frank L.	28	"	8.29
...Frank L.	24	"	38.46
...Lawrence	1	"	14.45
...	4	"	1.14
...Henry	4	"	2.57
...Wayne	46-½	"	6.67
...John L.	56-½	"	10.95

TOWN OF PAMPLIN — COLORED

...Phila, c/o Frances W. Ferguson	Lot		2.14
...John Robert, c/o Frances W. Ferguson	Lot		1.43
...Thomas, c/o Frances W. Ferguson	L. & H.		2.87
...Alice, c/o Frances W. Ferguson	L. & H.		2.87

TOWN OF APPOMATTOX COLORED

...Lawrence & Lucy	L. & D.		26.48

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Nov. 24.- The Leadership Conference of Training Union was held here at the Baptist Church last Monday evening, with good attendance.

Mrs. H. D. Baker and Mrs. J. M. Harvey visited Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Harvey and family last week.

Missie Hamilton Circle met in the home of Mrs Z. E. Cheatham last Thursday evening. Rev. J. P. Leitner taught the mission book, By All Means. We ell enjoyed it very much.

Bob Shanks, and Melvin Garrett were on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, of Blacksburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge.

Danny McFadden, of U. S. N., is spending some time with his mother and family, Mrs. Rachel McFadden.

All of the organizations of the church will observe the Week of Prayer Nov. 30 to the 4th.

Rev. and Mrs. V. L. Hudson and family were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey.

A large crowd attended the house warming that was given Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham last Tuesday evening in their new home.

Dan Jennings, of Cambria, spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Ela Jennings. He enjoyed hunting while here.

Little Abby Paulette had the misfortune to break her thumb at school Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer LeGrand Jr. and family, of Baltimore, are spending some time with his father, Mr. A. A. LeGrand.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Inge and son, Ralph, of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw and family were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar.

The Evergreen Ruritan Club met Friday night with good attendance. Mr. Leon Starlen, Zone Governor, was the guest speaker. Supper was served by the P.-T. A.

FARM POLICY OUTLOOK

How to stem the flood of production and accumulation of government surplus stocks will be the main topic of farm policy discussions during the next year.

Agricultural economists at VPI say there will be talk of introducing "controls" for livestock and poultry. But, they say, farmers can count on very little change from present farm policy in making plans for 1960 production. "A reluctant Congress will drag its feet. Larger farm appropriations will be hard to sell. Smaller farm appropriations mean reducing farm incomes," the economists say.

None of several alternatives to the status quo is easy for Congress to face since each involves either greater appropriations or adjustments painful to their constituents, the economists believe. Adjustments in resource use in line with changing needs involve 'pain.' Eventually adjustments will be made, but they will not be prompt.

Dollarwise, the August 31 investment in price support programs by Commodity Credit Corporation amounted to $8,757,270,000 — made up of $1,502,734,000 in outstanding loans, and $7,254,538,000 in the cost of inventories. "This investment is costly to maintain, and is hard to liquidate," the economists say.

On the demand side, exports under various phases of public law 480 and through commercial channels will be emphasized, but there are definite limits to this market even on a donation basis. New uses for farm products are slow to develop. Consequently, current demand offers little hope of taking care of accumulated and current surpluses.

In the meantime, in response to a relatively favorable price and income policy, farm technology marches on to even higher production levels.

SAVED

Ludwigshaven, Germany. - Skin from 80 volunteers, many of them fellow workers in a chemical plant, saved the life of Bernard Wolters, 19, critically burned in an explosion. Doctors used 625 square inches of living tissue in skin grafts.

FAIR EXCHANGE

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